

Quarterly List of WGBX-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBX-TV (January-March 2011)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Need To Know, N 02/13/11, 11am, 60 min.

Brockton High proves that big schools can be top schools - In 1998, when Massachusetts implemented new standardized testing, administrators at Brockton High School, the largest public school in the state, learned that more than 75 percent of their 4,000 students would fail to graduate. But thanks to a small group of dedicated teachers who implemented a school-wide program to bring reading and writing lessons into every classroom, even gym, Brockton is now one of the highest performing schools in the state.

Pioneers of Television, N 02/09/11, 1:30pm, 60 min.

“Local Kids’ TV” - In the early years of television, local kids' programs shaped the childhoods of millions of American children. Performers such as Willard Scott, Ernest Borgnine and William Shatner all honed their skills performing on live TV with small budgets and little support. With the flimsiest of second-hand store costumes and their own imaginations, they learned how to make their audience laugh, smile and think. One early talent, Stan Freberg, got off the bus in the middle of Hollywood, became a cartoon voice talent and created "Time for Beany" - a show that captured seven out of 10 viewers, including Albert Einstein, during its run in Los Angeles.

In The Life, N 03/20/11, 11:30pm, 30 min.

“Our Bodies, Our Rights” - A disproportionate number of LGBT youth who go through the juvenile justice system end up encountering discrimination and abuse. IN THE LIFE features the stories of young people who share their journeys of going through ill equipped correctional institutions and the voices of advocates who are fighting for change. Followed by a look at the consequences youth face for not conforming to gender "appropriate" dress and behavior in their homes and schools.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Nova, N 02/04/11, 9pm, 60 min.

“Making Stuff Cleaner” - Host David Pogue is on a quest to clean up, using new green materials to build and power the devices of the future. Batteries grown from viruses, plastics made of sugar and solar cells that cook up hydrogen are just the beginning of a new generation of clean materials.

Need To Know, N 01/16/11, 11am, 60 min.

High Speed Rail: As part of PBS's Blueprint America project, correspondent Rick Karr travels to the mid-west where President Obama's vision for high speed passenger rail has been rejected by Wisconsin's newly-elected Republican governor Scott Walker as expensive and unnecessary and embraced by Illinois' Democratic governor Patrick Quinn as a far-sighted way to create jobs and grow the economy. As Congress begins debate on how to control the deficit, Karr asks whether Obama's vision will ever become a reality.

Moneytrack, N 02/27/11, 8am, 30 min.

Real Estate: The housing bubble may have burst, but creative thinkers are finding ways to make the most out of a bad situation. Jack Gallagher hits the streets of Sacramento to explain how real estate can still be part of a safe, long-term investment strategy.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Frontline, N 02/02/11, 9:30pm, 60 min.

“Post-Mortem” - Every day nearly 7,000 people die in America. And when these deaths happen suddenly, or under suspicious circumstances, we assume there will be a thorough investigation, just like we see on CSI. But the reality is very different. In over 2,000 counties across America, elected coroners, many with no medical or scientific background, are in charge of death investigations. Nationwide there is a severe shortage of competent forensic pathologists to do autopsies. The rate of autopsies -- the gold standard of death investigation -- has plummeted over the decades from 50 percent of those who die to less than six percent. As a result, not only do murderers go free and innocent people go to jail, but the crisis in death investigation in America is also a threat to public health.

Frontline, N 01/20/11, 8pm, 60 min.

“Are We Safer?” - Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post reporter Dana Priest investigates the terrorism-industrial complex that grew up in the wake of 9/11. Against a backdrop of recent mail bomb threats from Al Qaeda in Yemen and growing concerns about homegrown terrorists, Priest explores the growing reach of homeland security, fusion centers, battlefield technologies, and data-collecting into the lives of ordinary Americans.

Independent Lens, N 03/17/11, 9pm, 60 min.

“Me Facing Life” - Cyntoia Brown was an average teenager in an American town. But a series of bad decisions led the 16-year-old into a situation that ended with her killing a man who had picked her up for sex. She was sentenced to life in a Tennessee prison, meaning in her case, she will serve a minimum of 51 years. This film challenges our assumptions about violence and explores how factors such as biology and family history can doom some young people from the start.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

To The Contrary With Bonnie Erbe, N 02/13/11, 7:30am, 30 min.

Debunking Gender Myths: A new survey finds more unmarried men are seeking marriage and children, while single women desire independence and casual relationships.

Need To Know, N 01/16/11, 11am, 60 min.

Guns: In the wake of the Arizona shooting tragedy last week, Need to Know updates its story about gun rights activists and examines the current state of gun-control laws in the U.S.

To The Contrary With Bonnie Erbe, N 02/06/11, 7:30am, 30 min.

The Effects of Abortion: A new study shows continuing with an unplanned pregnancy may be more harmful to a woman's mental health than terminating one.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

To The Contrary With Bonnie Erbe, N 03/06/11, 7:30am, 30 min.

Budgeting Out Women: Are majority-female unions being unfairly besieged in state and national budget battles?

To The Contrary With Bonnie Erbe, N 03/27/11, 7:30am, 30 min.

The HE-Covery: New federal government data shows men are outpacing women in the recovery job market, after women were relatively unaffected by the recession.

Need To Know, N 03/06/11, 4:30am 60 min

Union Salaries and State Budgets - Are public unions to blame for states' budget woes? Governors from a number of states - not just in Wisconsin -- say that public union workers' salaries and benefits are wreaking havoc with their state budgets. But are state workers really to blame for the economic plight of states? Need to Know examines the facts behind one of the most contentious arguments in the news today.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Need To Know N 02/20/11, 11am, 60 min.

The Watch List Update: Fracking - Following release of a new congressional report alleging potential violations of the clean water act, Need to Know and ProPublica update an investigation of the gas drilling process known as Fracking.

To The Contrary With Bonnie Erbe, N 03/13/11, 7:30am, 30 min.

Population Growth and Farmland: As America's population grows, the number of farms is shrinking, further complicating the problem of food insecurity.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

The Amen Solution – Thinner, Smarter, Happier, N 03/02/11, 1pm, 120 min

Award-winning psychiatrist and bestselling author Dr. Daniel Amen gives you 10 very simple steps that will help you lose weight, boost your memory, and improve your mood. Based on his brain-imaging work with tens of thousands of patients over the last 20 years he has discovered two of the major secrets why most diets don't work. And contrary to what you might think, they have nothing to do with your lack of desire to lose weight or your willpower. In fact, he shows you that for some people the harder they try to lose weight the worse it gets. The Amen Solution is the highly anticipated program that will inspire audiences to explore the many ways they, their family and friends, can boost their brains to improve their health.

Need To Know, N 01/09/11, 11am, 60 min.

The Watch List: The Medication of Foster Children- Foster children are some of the most heavily medicated children in the nation. Need to Know investigates the use and potential over-use of powerful anti psychotics in our foster care systems.

Road to Perfect Health with Brenda Watson, N 01/01/11, 7:30pm, 90 min.

We all know the saying, "All roads lead to Rome." Well, according to digestive care expert, Brenda Watson, they all lead to the digestive system - at least where our health is concerned. In her new pledge show, The Road to Perfect Health with Brenda Watson, Brenda shows us how all health ailments can be linked to an

imbalance in the digestive system. With over 20 years experience helping people overcome health challenges, Ms. Watson has been able to help people return to health - whether they suffer from typical digestive problems or chronic fatigue - by balancing the good and bad bacteria in their gut.

VIII. Economy/Business

Consuelo Mack WealthTrack, N 01/09/11, 8:30am, 30 min.

This week Consuelo Mack WealthTrack presents a television exclusive with Wall Street's long-time, number one-ranked economist Ed Hyman of ISI Group, plus BlackRock's star Global Asset Allocation Fund manager Dennis Stattman discuss the outlook for the United States' economy and markets in the new world order.

Consuelo Mack WealthTrack, N 02/27/11, 8:30am, 30 min.

This week Consuelo Mack WealthTrack explains how not to run out of money during retirement. Consuelo Mack talks to two retirement experts, columnist Kim Lankford of Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine and Chris Blunt, head of New York Life's Retirement Income Security, about having a stream of income no matter how long you live.

To The Contrary With Bonnie Erbe, N 03/27/11, 7:30am, 30 min.

Women's Economic Power: U.S. Ambassador Karen Kornbluh discusses America's role in improving the economic condition of women around the world.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Need To Know, N 01/23/11, 11am, 60 min.

Developmentally Disabled Adults and Their Parents - Need to Know looks at the challenges parents face as they struggle to get services for children with developmental disabilities who are becoming adults at a time when states are strapped and budgets are being cut.

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly, N 01/02/11, 7:30am, 30 min.

Look Ahead to 2011: From tensions for American Muslims to a new Congress and continuing challenges for the Vatican on clergy sex abuse, host Bob Abernethy and a panel of leading reporters discuss the top religion and ethics stories expected in the coming year.

Buddha, N 01/21/11, 1:30pm, 120 min.

Award-winning filmmaker David Grubin tells the story of the Buddha's life, a journey especially relevant to our own bewildering times of violent change and spiritual confusion. This documentary draws upon the work of some of the world's greatest artists and sculptors, who across two millennia have depicted the Buddha's life in art rich in beauty and complexity. His biography is also tracked geographically across the sweeping landscapes of northern India. The testimony of contemporary Buddhists -- including Pulitzer prize-winning poet W.S. Merwin and His Holiness the Dalai Lama -- provides insight into the ancient narrative. To tell his story is to understand his teaching. And to understand his teaching is to gain new insight into what it is to be human.